All JFK Data Ordered Preserved in Archives

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All evidence considered by the Warren Commission in its investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was ordered preserved yesterday in the National Archives.

Acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark said he decided to save everything in order to "assure the availability, both now and in the future, of the evidence concerning the assassination of President Kennedy."

Clark's order did not release the items involved to public inspection. Nor did it cast further light on the exact whereabouts of the autopsy photographs and X-rays of the late President's body.

(In Los Angeles, Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike charged that at least 15 items which cast doubt on the Commission's findings were never released to that panel. Bishop Pike also pleaded for the release of the autopsy photographs, which he said were held by the Secret Service.)

Assistant archivist James B. Rhoads of the National Archives said that to date about two-thirds of the evidence on the assassination has not been made available for public inspection because of national security considerations.

Under White House guidelines, adopted a year ago, Federal agencies are to review every 10 years if these items should be made public. The reviews begin in 1970.

Clark published in the Federal Register a list of the items to be preserved in the Archives. Many are personal possessions of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin, and his wife Marina. Included were:

- The high-powered 6.55 Mannlicher-Carcano rifle with telescopic sight which the Commission said Oswald used to slay Kennedy; a book of Top Value trading stamps; two Ian Fleming spy thrillers, "The Spy Who Loved Me" and "Live and Let Die."
- Various films of the Dallas motorcade, in which Kennedy was traveling when he was shot.
- The evidence held by the FBI, which included the clothing and personal effects of the late President.
- Oswald's clothing, a pocket watch, a stick pin with a hammer and sickle and a Soviet emblem.

Where the autopsy photographs are being held remained something of a mystery. An FBI spokesman said. "We don't have any photographs or the X-rays. We never had them."

He said he understood that these materials, which the public has never seen, were turned over to the Secret Service.

The Secret Service denied that the photographs were in its possession now. A spokesman said that all evidence had been turned over to the Commission during its life, placed in the Archives or "placed in the custody of individuals designated by the late President's family as appropriate."

The spokesman said that the Commission staff had examined the photographs when it studied the autopsy procedures and results.

There have been published reports that the Kennedy family has been instrumental in withholding the photgraphs.